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What is claimed is:

1        1. A process for producing a landscape plan for a  
2        property, comprising:  
3            defining a set of generic plant categories;  
4            assigning a corresponding unique symbol to each generic  
5        plant category, defining a set of unique symbols;  
6            communicating from a customer to a landscape architect a  
7        survey of the property, a photograph of the property, and a  
8        list of desired landscape characteristics for the property;  
9        and  
10           producing the landscape plan for the property, the  
11        landscape plan using the unique symbols to indicate locations  
12        on the property where plants should be located.

1        2. The process of claim 1, wherein the generic plant  
2        categories are defined according to a plant size.

1        3. The process of claim 2, wherein the generic plant  
2        categories are defined according to a leaf texture.

1        4. The process of claim 1, wherein the set of generic  
2        plant categories are divided into a first subset of plant

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3 categories corresponding to deciduous plants, and a second  
4 subset of generic plant categories corresponding to evergreen  
5 plants.

1 5. The process of claim 4, wherein the unique symbols  
2 identify the deciduous plants and the evergreen plants.

1 6. The process of claim 1, further comprising assigning  
2 a second set of unique symbols each corresponding to a type of  
3 hardscape material, wherein the landscape plan uses the second  
4 set of unique symbols to indicate hardscape materials to be  
5 used for hardscape elements indicated on the landscape plan.

1 7. The process of claim 1, wherein the landscape plan  
2 includes a legend identifying each symbol.

1 8. The process of claim 1, further comprising providing  
2 a list of specific plants belonging to each generic plant  
3 category.

1 9. A process for producing a landscape plan for a  
2 property, comprising:  
3 defining a set of generic plant categories;  
4 assigning a unique symbol to each generic plant category;  
5 and

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6 producing the landscape plan by indicating locations for  
7 plants on said property using said unique symbols.

1 10. The process of claim 9, wherein the generic plant  
2 categories are defined according to a plant size.

1 11. The process of claim 10, wherein the generic plant  
2 categories are defined according to a leaf texture.

1 12. The process of claim 9, wherein the set of generic  
2 plant categories are divided into a first subset of plant  
3 categories corresponding to deciduous plants, and a second  
4 subset of generic plant categories corresponding to evergreen  
5 plants.

1 13. The process of claim 12, wherein the unique symbols  
2 identify the deciduous plants and the evergreen plants.

1 14. The process of claim 9, further comprising assigning  
2 a second set of unique symbols each corresponding to a type of  
3 hardscape material, wherein the landscape plan uses the second  
4 set of unique symbols to indicate hardscape materials to be  
5 used for hardscape elements indicated on the landscape plan.

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1        15. The process of claim 9, wherein the landscape plan  
2        includes a legend identifying each symbol.

1        16. The process of claim 9, further comprising providing  
2        a list of specific plants belonging to each generic plant  
3        category.

1        17. A process for producing a landscape plan for a  
2        property, comprising:  
3            defining a set of symbols, each symbol corresponding to a  
4        generic landscape element, and  
5            producing the landscape plan by indicating locations for  
6        generic landscape elements on said property using said  
7        symbols.

1        18. The process of claim 17, wherein the set of symbols  
2        includes a first subset of symbols corresponding to a set of  
3        generic plant categories, and a second subset of symbols  
4        corresponding to a type of hardscape material.